

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-29 (Cancelled)

Claim 30 (Previously presented): A wheel hub comprising:

a main body having an axial bore, an outboard end and an inboard end, and said axial bore having a centerline extending longitudinally through said axial bore;

a bearing positioned in said axial bore at said outboard end;

a flange extending radially from said main body, said flange having an outboard side and an inboard side;

at least one rib connecting said main body and said outboard side of said flange, said rib positioned adjacent said bearing;

wherein said at least one rib is shaped to directly resist compressive forces directed normal to said centerline of said axial bore.

Claim 31 (New): The wheel hub of claim 30, wherein said inboard side of said radial flange defines a smooth continuous curve.

Claim 32 (New): The wheel hub of claim 30, wherein said at least one rib is tapered in width.

Claim 33 (New): The wheel hub of claim 30, further comprising at least one wheel bolt aperture in said flange, and said at least one rib is positioned adjacent to said at least one wheel bolt aperture.

Claim 34 (New): The wheel hub of claim 30, wherein said wheel hub is a front steer axle hub.

Claim 35 (New): The wheel hub of claim 30, wherein said wheel hub a one-piece wheel hub.